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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Africa Division/DDO  
Presidential Briefing Coordinator  
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: SITREP on Status Quo in Zaire

I wonder if we shouldn't pull together either for the PDB or a Presidential oral briefing a little SITREP on the status quo in Zaire.

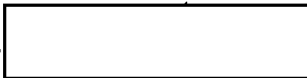
a. We had the aborted coup in February and the subsequent demise of 12 percent of the FAZ officers with emphasis on the southern province.

b. We have a recent report of unhappiness in Lubumbashi with current government actions.

c. We have continuing reports that the FAZ couldn't stand up to a patrol of Boy Scouts.

We know the economic situation is in bad shape, though I don't know what the prospects for it are, especially with no hope that the price of copper will rise.

d. In short, I'd like to get a grasp on how much of the sinking breed we're trying to keep afloat here.



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